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Letter dated 24 January 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

The delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia, the Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Slovenia wish to explain their position with regard to the action taken by the General Assembly at its 88th plenary meeting on 23 December 1999 on agenda items 121 and 125, entitled Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 and Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations, respectively.

Assessments are made with respect to the Member States of the United Nations. There is no basis for the assessment of a Member State that has ceased to exist, nor of a State that has not yet applied for membership. In this regard, the relevant provisions of Security Council resolution 777 (1992) of 19 September 1992 and the General Assembly resolution 47/1 of 22 September 1992 are applicable. The General Assembly ought to make the necessary adjustments to rectify mistakes made regarding these assessments.

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We would appreciate it if you could circulate the present letter as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 121 and 125.

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